

Applicants hereby elect Group I (claims 1-23 and 48-84), without traverse. Applicants expressly reserve their right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Should the elected product claims be found allowable, Applicants reserve the right to request rejoinder of withdrawn process claims which include all the limitations of the allowable product claim for examination (M.P.E.P. §821.04).

Applicants request reconsideration of the restriction requirement and examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

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